

AMENDMENT

In the specification:

Please delete the first full paragraph on page 1, beginning with “The present invention claims the benefit”, and replace it with the following paragraph:

The present application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Application Serial Number 09/691,344, filed on October 18, 2000 that invention claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Numbers 60/160,285 and 60/183,583 which were filed October 19, 1999 and February 18, 2000 respectively and are herein incorporated in their entirety.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-5, entirely without prejudice and without disclaimer.

Please add new claims 6-21 as follows:

1-5. (cancelled)

6. (new) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding an amino acid sequence drawn from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS: 2, 4, and 6.

7.(new) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 6, wherein said nucleotide sequence is that of SEQ ID NO: 1.

8.(new) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 6, wherein said nucleotide sequence is that of SEQ ID NO: 3.

9.(new) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 6, wherein said nucleotide sequence is that of SEQ ID NO: 5.